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Following the June 5, 2012, recall election, the Racine County Sheriff's Office received information from four separate complainants and investigations were launched into each complaint received regarding potential fraud at polling places in the City of Racine. A thorough inquiry was made into the somewhat limited information that was provided. Some of the information that was provided was anecdotal, as opposed to first hand eyewitness accounts. Based on the information that was received, it was determined that said information did not rise to the level required for a criminal prosecution.

Much of what was reported as fraud was more appropriately categorized as rule violations that are under the jurisdiction of the Government Accountability Board (GAB). The GAB is charged with the investigation and handling of such violations. Many of the concerns raised are issues more appropriately dealt with by the GAB and through subsequent action by the legislature.

Complaints about poll workers, same day registration procedures and electioneering, can be, but in this case, did not rise to the level of a crime in Wisconsin. Generally, complaints of this nature must be directed to the GAB for handling under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 5 and the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board Rules. Despite the distinction in jurisdiction, the Racine County Sheriff's Office went above and beyond to look into the complaints to insure that if there were any violations found to be criminal in nature, that they would be handled appropriately.

The District Attorney's Office has requested that the City Clerk's Office identify voter irregularities; such as ineligible voters who voted illegally and voters who may have voted more than once. If such irregularities are discovered, the names of those voters will be forwarded to law enforcement and the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

At this point, the Racine County Sheriff's Office and the Racine County District Attorney's Office are unaware of what complaints may have been filed with the GAB and what, if any, investigation may be pending there.

